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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION: JOHN HERBERT MEIER, AKA IVOR A.
ROBERTSON

REF: WELLINGTON 4010; CANBERRA 5971

1. MEIER WAS NOT RELEASED FOR ANY DEFICIENCIES IN U.S. REQUEST, BUT BECAUSE GOA DETERMINED MEIER HAD DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY UNDER ARTICLE 40 VIENNA CONVENTION. IF MEIER STILL IN AUSTRALIA, OR REENTERS, EMBASSY CANBERRA SHOULD AGAIN REQUEST PROVISIONAL ARREST ON SAME BASIS AS THE ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR ARREST.

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2. IF GOA NOT INFORMED "DIPLOMATIC STATUS" REVOKED AND MAKES SAME ARGUMENT OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AGAINST ARREST, EMBASSY SHOULD CITE ARTICLE I(E) VIENNA CONVENTION, TO WIT; "A 'DIPLOMATIC AGENT' IS THE HEAD OF THE MISSION OR A MEMBER OF THE DIPLOMATIC STAFF OF THE MISSION." THEREFORE MEIER NOT COVERED BY ARTICLE 40. IF GOA INFORMED DIPLOMATIC STATUS

REVOKED, INTERPRETATION OF VIENNA CONVENTION ON THIS POINT
STILL SHOULD BE RAISED IN ORDER TO AVOID FUTURE MISAPPLICA-
TIONS OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY.

3. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES REPORT OF POLCOUN DOLS CONVERSATION
WITH KING OF TONGA. VANCE

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